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SUBJECT: ISRAELI POSITIONS AT UNGA

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1. SUMMARY: WE DISCUSSED UPCOMING UNGA SESSION WITH
MFA DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPT ON SEPT
1. GOI POSITIONS ON KOREA AND KHMER ISSUES ARE NOT YET
FIRM AND ARE COMPLICATED BY RECENT BILATERAL PROBLEMS. IN
THE END, WE EXPECT ISRAELIS WILL SUPPORT US POSITION ON THESE
ITEMS. ISRAELIS ARE NATURALLY CONCERNED THAT GA CONSIDERATION
OF MIDDLE EAST QUESTIONS, AND OTHERS SUCH AS HUMAN RIGHTS,
WILL BE TENDENTIOUS AND HAVE RESULT OF FURTHERING THEIR ISOLATION
WITHIN UN. END SUMMARY.

2. PALESTINIAN ISSUE. OUR DISCUSSION OF REGIONAL ISSUES WAS
GENERAL IN RECOGNITION THAT THEY WOULD BE SUBJECT
OF HIGH-LEVEL TALKS IN WASHINGTON. NOTING THAT
PALESTINIAN ISSUE WAS CONSIDERED OF FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE
TO ISRAELIS, KIDRON MADE OBVIOUS POINT THAT GOI WOULD BE
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BENDING ITS ENERGIES TO LIMITING POSSIBILITIES FOR PLO TO GAIN

ENHANCED STATUS.

3. STEAMROLLER TACTICS. KIDRON EXPRESSED FULL UNDERSTANDING OF ANY US EFFORTS TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF UN LEGISLATIVE PROCESSES, BUT WAS MOST SKEPTICAL THAT THEY COULD BE SUCCESSFUL. HE STRESSED THAT GOI FOCUSES ON DIFFERENCE BETWEEN UN PARLIAMENTARY PROCESS, WHICH CAN BASICALLY BE IGNORED, AND UN ROLE AS CENTER FOR DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY, ONE TO WHICH ISRAEL ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE. HE EXPLAINED PUBLIC RELATIONS PROBLEM CONFRONTING MFA IN TRYING TO MINIMIZE POPULAR CYNICISM ABOUT UN AND UN ACTIONS.

4. KOREA AND KHMER REPUBLIC. KIDRON SAID GOI HAD NOT YET FINISHED INTERNAL DISCUSSIONS OF THESE TWO QUESTIONS, BUT ADDED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THEIR CRITICAL NATURE AND ASSUMED GOI DECISION WOULD BE TO SUPPORT USG POSITIONS. (COMMENT ISRAELI ATTITUDE ON THESE CASES IS COLORED BY RECENT BILATERAL PROBLEMS WITH BOTH ROK - TEL AVIV 3682 - AND KHMER REPUBLIC TEL AVIV 5021 AND AMMAN 5057. IN FINAL ANALYSIS GOI HASN'T MANY OPTIONS AND WILL IN ALL LIKELIHOOD SUPPORT OUR POSITION, ESPECIALLY IF EITHER VOTE SEEMS CLOSE.)

5. SOUTH AFRICA AND NAMIBIA. KIDRON OUTLINED GOI POSITION SIMILAR TO THAT OF USG. ISRAEL IS OPPOSED IN PRINCIPLE TO APARTHEID BUT COULD NOT REPEAT NOT SUPPORT RESES CALLING FOR EXTREME ACTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA SUCH AS EXPULSION OR ACROSS BOARD ECONOMIC SANCTIONS. HE EXPLAINED VOTING PROBLEMS CAUSED FOR ISRAELI IN PAST BY ARAB ABILITY TO INJECT INTO RESES REFERENCES TO ZIONISM AS EXAMPLE OF RACISM SIMILAR TO APARTHEID. RE NAMIBIA SPECIFICALLY, KIDRON SAID ISRAELI DEL WOULD FOLLOW MAJORITY.

6. HUMAN RIGHTS. KIDRON REFLECTED ISRAELI SENSITIVITY TO THIS ISSUE AND GOI RESIGNATION TO FACT THAT RESES HARMFUL TO ISRAEL WILL PASS REGARDLESS OF FACTS. SAID GOI COULD SUPPORT RES ASKING HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TO RECOMMEND MEASURES TO DETER USE OF TORTURE IF REPEAT IF IT COUCHED IN GENERAL TERMS, I.E., DID NOT CONTAIN PARAS LOADED AGAINST ISRAEL. AT OWN INITIATIVE, KIDRON SAID GOI BELIEVES UNGA SHOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH WORK OF DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE CONVENED BY CONFIDENTIAL

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IRC TO CONSIDER PROTOCOL TO GENEVA CONVENTIONS. HE ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT ACrimonious DEBATE MIGHT ENSUE OVER TREATMENT OF PRISONERS TAKEN IN OCTOBER WAR. KIDRON SAID GOI IS PREPARED PUBLISH DATA SUPPORTING ITS CONTENTION THAT ISRAELI PRISONERS IN SYRIA HAD BEEN MISTREATED.

7. ECONOMIC ISSUES. KIDRON TOOK NOTE OF POINTS OF PRIMARY CONCERN TO USG AND OFFERED TO HAVE SEPARATE MEETING WITH

APPROPRIATE EMBOFFS IF REQUIRED BY EVENTS. POINT WAS
MADE BY KIDRON AIDE THAT LDC SUCCESS IN PASSING UNHELPFUL
RESES MIGHT BE REDUCED BY GREATER COORDINATION BETWEEN US
AND WEST EUROPEANS WHO HE SAID HAVE INFLUENCE WITH SOME
LDC'S WHERE US DOES NOT.(COMMENT: SINCE ISRAEL DOES NOT FIT
NEATLY INTO EITHER LDC OR DC CATEGORY, ISRAELI DEL WILL
UNDOUBTEDLY VOTE IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOI PERCEPTION OF BOTH
ITS OWN STAKE IN GIVEN ISSUE AND TACTICAL REQUIREMENTS AT TIME).
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